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**READ MCLAURIN'S INTERVIEW.**

It is evident from reading the interview of Hon. John L. McLaurin, which will be found in today's issue, that he did not "control" the Democratic convention which met in Columbia on 17th inst. What he has to say is, nevertheless, interesting reading.

The people of the state have been wanting to know what is being done with the people's money. If they will read the list of offices and officers named in Mr. McLaurin's statement they will find out where the money is going. It would be interesting to know just when all these useless offices were created, are they of recent creation, or have we had them for some time? Perhaps Mr. McLaurin will tell us.

And a list of the men who fill these offices and who are on the "boards" would also make interesting reading. Are they of the same old crowd which has been filling all the offices and drawing all the salaries in the state for thirty years, first under one political regime and then another. We would like to see a list of the people who are on the state's pay-roll, in every department with a statement of the salaries paid. Will Mr. McLaurin, in order to make his arraignment complete, favor us with this?

**A GROWING EVIL.**

Some years ago one of the circuit judges of the state sentenced a man, and then suspended sentence. An appeal was taken and the supreme court held that a circuit judge had no such power. Thereupon, the legislature passed an act conferring such power. Since that time, the judges of the circuit courts, or some of them, have exercised the power in a constantly growing number of cases. We believe that the act of the legislature should be repealed. It is a disagreeable duty and a hard duty to sentence a white man to the chain gang, and the sympathy of judges on the bench, under the influence of the pleading lawyers, gets the better of their judgment. Men who should be punished are being convicted by the jurors and then are escaping their just deserts through a suspended sentence.

The danger is illustrated by a case tried in Anderson county last week. A white man was convicted of selling liquor and sentenced to eighteen months on the chain gang, the sentence showing that his case was a flagrant violation of the prohibition law. He had been convicted of selling liquor before, and therefore had had his warning. Notwithstanding, his sentence was suspended. Without knowing all the facts of his case, and with all due respect for the judge, we assert that he was not entitled to this form of clemency. A man who is convicted of selling blind tiger liquor for the second time, should go to the rock pile. It is hard to convict a white man in the courts in cases of this kind. They are only convicted when the most conclusive testimony of their guilt is offered. Many escape who are guilty. Their guilt being established by this degree of proof, they are not entitled to either sympathy or mercy.

**CARRYING THE STATE.**

Governor Manning carries the state almost every day now in his race for re-election as Governor. He got off at Spartanburg Saturday on his way to Charlotte and carried it again. He had the whole thing sewed up in the Democratic Convention in Columbia, according to the newspapers which are supporting him. Or to express it according to their manner of saying it, he "controlled the convention." Very well. We are glad he did. We are glad, too, that the convention was kind to Mess. Clinkscale, Pollock and Jennings. When the people talk, who cannot be controlled, Cooper will be the Governor of the state, and the other boys of 1914 will have something pleasant to think about.

As strange as it may seem, the Manning people admit that Cooper had about one hundred friends in the convention. These voted to elect the Manning men to the National Convention, and along with them they voted for Manning. The Bleese element even voted for Manning but did you hear of Manning showing any disposition to send a Cooper man or a Bleese man to the National Convention? Not much, they don't do things that way. They believe in taking the whole hog. They "con-

trol". But the people will not be "controlled." All the office holders in the state, and all the machine politicians in the state will not stop the people of the state in their march to seize the reins of the government again.

**SOME FARMING TALK.**

We attended the speaking at Mr. Wakefield's farm last Wednesday. We heard some of the speeches. The editor of the Southern Cultivator was one of the speakers and he made for the most part a good sensible speech, saying many things which should have been said. He gave utterance to one thought however, which we believe should not have been said, because it is not founded on facts. We do not mean of course, to say that the speaker meant to deceive. We think, rather, he fell into the error of adopting the cry of the demagogue hunting office, without thinking really what he was saying.

What he said was in substance, this: All other classes are "preying on you" (the farmers). The speaker was developing the idea that the farmers did not think that they did not use their heads, that they did not plan, as do men in other callings and professions, and that they lost thereby. To all of this we might agree, though we do not think men in other callings do as much thinking as they should always. The results indicate that they do not. But the idea advanced that all other callings and occupations are waylaying the road of the farmer, ready to pounce upon him and take what he makes for nothing or for less than it is worth, is purely demagogic, as Mr. Hunnicutt will admit, if he thinks.

The farmers may not take care of themselves as they should. It may be that they could by co-operation, if they would let politicians alone, market their crops on better terms and by other methods and get more for them, but in the end they make as good use of what the Lord has blessed them with as most other people. If the editor of the Southern Cultivator, will buy chickens and eggs, ham and other produce, hay, corn, and oats from the farmers of Abbeville county for twelve months, he will conclude, we think, that there is about as much preying on one side as the other. The fact is that the farmer can no more do without the merchant, the artisan, the professional man, the banker and the broker than they can do without him. What is to the general interest of the one is to the general interest of the other. The one has something to sell, and the other desires to buy. The buyer is as necessary to society and progress and prosperity as the seller, and the seller as necessary as the buyer. We all make one whole. The farmers should know this and they do know it, as well as the merchant, the banker and the others. Then, why is it that we are always hearing the same old song that everybody is "preying on the farmers?" To what purpose would the farmer grow crops to sell if there were no buyers? When he buys from them in the spring he buys to the best advantage. When they do the same from him in the fall are they less patriotic than the farmer was in the spring? When the farmer buys for as little as he can and sells for as much as he can, is there any reason for him to whine and cry because other people do the same?

If the farmers are to make progress they should fashion it for themselves. The inspection of a good farm like Mr. Wakefield's and a half hour's talk with him on the ways and means to grow alfalfa, oats, and other crops is worth a great deal more than all the speech-making in the country, though we do not discredit speech-making of the right kind. We have learned from thirty years of observation, however, that the man who goes about the country talking about the farmers being imposed upon and preyed upon is not their real friend, and that he spreads false doctrine, dangerous to the interests, not only of the farmer, but to the whole country.

There has been more legislation for the farmers of this country and State during the past ten years than for all other classes and conditions of men. And there has come the rub. The farmers have sought to get from legislation what Wakefield has dug out of the ground. There is no salvation for anybody in legislation. As the speaker truly said in other parts of his speech, the whole hope of the farmer is in intelligent thought and work combined. When this is put into operation the farmer will "prey" upon the world, if there is any preying done.

After putting on the boxing gloves a man realizes why it is far more blessed to give than to receive.

You may have noticed that a man who says life isn't worth living is the first to make an effort to save himself when danger threatens.

A woman's head is usually stronger than her arm.

**OUR NOBLE CAUSE.**

There is one man in South Carolina who should not be allowed another day of political life—William N. Graydon of Abbeville. This person actually had the effrontery to get up in the State convention and belittle our noble cause! And the greater shame is the fact that those unfeeling delegates and the galleries shouted with glee.

To the political gibbet with such a man! Off with his head! Scrap heap him! This is a dangerous person. If we mistake not he was in at the death of our former "noble institution," the State dispensary. It is unsafe to have such a man around.

Why should a man of such cruelty be permitted to roam at large, withering with his scorn the tender flower of this State, the cotton warehouse "system"? And right there in the presence of the president of the secret society of the warehousemen. Such lack of veneration! And in the presence of the author of that masterpiece of fiction, the Laney-Odom Act, which we all know would give us ample protection and cheaper insurance. It has done it—yes, it has.

Give ear unto the sacrifice of this iconoclast from Abbeville. "Out of a crop of fifteen million bales of cotton, the South Carolina warehouse system took care of only 61,000 bales and yet they have the nerve to tell us that this warehouse has affected the price of cotton." It was undemocratic to use a pile driver in any such fashion. To ridicule the warehouse system of the State in any such manner! Why one cotton mill in Columbia will consume nearly that much cotton, and Columbia is not even considered seriously when cotton manufacturing centers are mentioned. It is a lese majeste thus to buffet our noble cause.

But there was one defender of the system who came gra-a-andly to its rescue—Col. Dan S. Henderson of Aiken. He foresaw just what might happen to our glorious cause if it got into the primary, with its leader pilloried upon every stump in a fashion that our modern politicians have a way of doing; he pointed out the danger of the shibboleth of "commercial democracy," a kind of a damned spot that he seemed to think might not out. A great service he has done our noble cause, after the rudeness of that man from Abbeville. —The Columbia Record.

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**BROWNLEE.**

The Abbeville Singing Convention was held at Midway church, Sunday, May 21. A large crowd attended, almost the whole community, besides visitors and delegates. Every one enjoyed the good singing, also there was plenty of dinner. J. O. Cann, (candidate for Sheriff) enjoyed the singing especially. He sat on the front and helped sing. Mr. Horton, candidate for Congress, was also at Midway, and helped to sing.

This community had quite a surprise in the marriage of Miss Nora Jenkins and Mr. Julius Bardberry. We wish them much happiness in their married life. They will be at the home of Mr. J. W. Bradberry for a short time. We give Mrs. Bradberry a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Tom Baskin, two children, Lavinia and Mabel, are spending a while with Mrs. Edd Smith, who has been sick, but is some better.

Mrs. M. H. Sexton and children, of near Starr, spent the day Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Ferguson.

Mrs. Jim Ware, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Nance, and attended the singing at Midway Sunday.

Messrs Vernon Bradberry and Calvin Prince have returned from an extended trip to Birmingham, Ala., and other points, reporting a nice time.

Miss Sadie Prince of Antreville, will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Adger Hodge this week.

Misses Bertie Caldwell and Althea Keaton, from Antreville, were visitors to the Singing Convention Sunday. We hope they enjoyed themselves enough to come again.

Mrs. Lizzie Clark, and sons, Marshall and J. P., are visiting relatives here.

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**GEORGIA SHERIFF KILLED.**

Son of Judge Accused of Crime at Elberton.

Anderson, May 21.—Sheriff Newton Hailey, of Elbert County, Georgia was shot and instantly killed today shortly after noon by Arnold Worley, son of Judge Worley, of the Superior Court, according to eye-witnesses, who have returned to Anderson. From their testimony there was much excitement in Elberton this afternoon and Worley had to be rushed away to safety.

Deputy Sheriffs John Sanders and Jim Williams, of Anderson, went to Elberton this morning to identify a negro over there supposed to be one that was wanted by the authorities here. This morning about 7 o'clock the deputies from Anderson and Sheriff Hailey went down to the Seaboard Railway depot and arrested the negro which was thought to be the one wanted. They started back to the Court House, where an Anderson negro was waiting, who had been taken to Elberton to identify the other negro. On the way to the Court House the negro under arrest is said to have passed the lie to Sheriff Hailey, and the officer in turn slapped him. Worley saw this, and it is claimed he reprimanded the sheriff, telling him that he had better "cut it out."

The sheriff replied that he was attending to his business and that he (Worley) had better go on about his.

According to the reports nothing more was seen of Worley for about half an hour. While Sheriff Hailey and other officers were sitting in the Court House Worley walked in. The sheriff told Worley that he did not see the reason for Worley's conduct earlier in the day. Worley, it is alleged, then pulled his pistol, fired twice at close range and began backing toward the door. He continued to shoot, three more shots being fired, none of these taking effect. Although mortally wounded, Sheriff Hailey fired at Worley three times as he was going out of the door. None of these shots took effect. Hailey expired within five minutes, it is said, one of the bullets having entered his left side just below the heart.

In a very short time Worley started back into the Court House, but was met by Deputy Sheriff Sanders, who told him that he must not enter. Policeman Johnson came about this

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MONDAY, 29th.

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time and placed Worley under arrest. He was carried to the city jail, but so many people began to gather, and since there was talk of violence, he was spirited away. It is thought he was taken to Athens or Atlanta.

### Country Churches Are Discussed By Presbyterians.

Orlando, Fla., May 19.—Country churches, the theme set for four sessions in the next five days of General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, was discussed at today's session. As thirty-ninth and half percent of the Presbyterian churches in the south are located in the country districts, church leaders are of the opinion they should be given more consideration than in the past. This was emphasized in the relation of Dr. C. W. Grafton of Union church, Mississippi, moderator.

The matter of relationship between the Oglethorpe University and the church was left to the decision of an interim committee.

Two reports were submitted on woman's work in the church, one saying man should continue in leadership and the minority favoring giving woman more latitude. Deferred until Saturday.

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